

REMARKS

Claims 1-4, 17-18 and 31 are pending in the application. Claim 5-16 have been canceled. Claim 1 has been amended to include allowable subject matter of Claim 5. No new matter has been added.

ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

Applicants thank the Examiner for indicating the allowable subject matter in Claims 5, 29 and 30, and have rewritten Claim 1 to include the subject matter of Claim 5. Claims 29 and 30 have been cancelled.

REJECTIONS UNDER 35 USC 102(b)

Claims 1-4, 6 and 16-20 stand rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Niehoff (hereinafter "Neihoff"). This rejection should be withdrawn in view of the amendments and remarks made herein.

REJECTIONS UNDER 35 USC 103

Claims 7-15 and 21-28 stand rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Niehoff and in view of Buccianeri. This rejection should be withdrawn in view of the amendments and remarks made herein.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, Applicants submit that the claims are in condition for allowance and the Examiner would be justified in allowing them.

Respectfully submitted,

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